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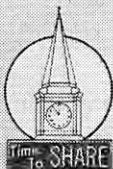
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Congregational Christian Service Committee





REV. ARNOLD SLATER

## Talladega College Host To Southeast Regional Meeting

The biennial sessions of the Southeast Regional Meeting will be held at Talladega College, Talladega, Alabama, February 28 - March 2, 1961. The Reverend Arnod Slater, minister of Pilgrim Congregational Church, Chattanooga, Tenn., is the president of the Southeast Region Meeting and will preside over the sessions of the conclave. The Regional Meeting is sponsored jointly by the Convention of the South, Florida Conference, Southern Convention, Southeast Convention, and Missions Council.

Ministers and lay people from all of these bodies are invited to attend the sessions. Advance registrations should be sent to the Southeast Convention office. The total cost from Tuesday afternoon through the noon meal on Thursday will be \$10.00.

The Reverend Alford Carleton, Executive Vice-President of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, and the Reverend David H. Sandstrom, Associate Minister of the Missions Council, will be among the featured speakers.

Also scheduled to be on the program are Rev. Samuel C. Kincheloe of the faculty of the Interdenominational Theological Seminary, Atlanta, and Rev. and Mrs. Masaichi Honami of Japan.

Rev. Everett W. MacNair, chaplain of the college, will also be chaplain of the meeting. Rev. Theodore S. Horvath and Rev. Ralph R. Shrader of the Missions Council staff, also are featured on the three-day program.

This marks the first time in recent years that the Southeast Regional Meeting has been held at Talladega

## Miss Dorothy Hampton Joins Missions Council

Miss Dorothy E. Hampton of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, has been named research and information secretary of the Missions Council, national promotional and interpretive agency of the Congregational Christian Churches.

The appointment, effective immediately, was announced by the Rev. David H. Sandstrom, New York, the Council's administrative secretary.

Miss Hampton, who will join the Boston staff at 14 Beacon Street, succeeds Miss Lois Sundeen who recently resigned to study at the Chicago Theological Seminary.

From 1956 until October, 1960, Miss Hampton was race relations consultant in North Carolina and Virginia for the United Church of Christ. (The United Church was formed in 1957 by union of the General Council of the Congregational Christian Churches and the Evangelical and Reformed Church).

Earlier she had been an editorial assistant on *The Christian Scholar*, a publication of the National Council of Churches.

Miss Hampton is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Hampton of 2026 Elizabeth Avenue, Winston-Salem. She was born in that city and attended public schools there. In 1954 she was graduated from Meredith College, Raleigh, North Carolina.

In her new post, Miss Hampton will serve as an information center for the world-wide service program of the Congregational Christian Churches, and will have a part in planning, writing, and editing materials for the program. She will also work closely with staff members of the denomination's Christian Education Division, Board of Home Missions, and the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

College. Rev. Arthur D. Gray is the president of the college.

## N - O - T - I - C - E

The annual meeting of the Southeast Convention Youth Fellowship-Pilgrim Fellowship will be held at the Pilgrim Congregational Church, Birmingham, Ala., April 8-9.

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The Ninth Annual Meeting of the Southeast Convention of Congregational Christian Churches will be held at the First Congregational Church, Knoxville, Tenn., April 22-23.

## Women's Fellowships Support Honor Project

The following Women's Fellowships of Alabama and Florida contributed to the special project of furnishing rooms in the Swift Addition to Pilgrim Hall at Southern Union College in honor of Rev. Annie R. Campbell and Miss Marguerite Davison.

Blackwoods, Headland	10.00
Andalusia, First	7.00
Andalusia, Antioch	10.00
Pyron Chapel, Baker, Fla.	10.00
East Tallahassee	10.00
Mt. Olive, Tallahassee	10.00
Mt. Grove, Hanceville	2.85
Pilgrim, Birmingham	62.05
Garden City	10.00
First, Roanoke	10.00
Huguley, Lanett	10.00
First, Phenix City	10.00
New Hope, Roanoke	10.00
Antioch, Roanoke	10.00
Pleasant Grove, LaFayette	10.00
Langdale	10.00
Elder, Dadeville	5.00
Russell Woods, Phenix City	10.00
Bethel, West Point	10.00
Lanett, First	11.00
Todd, Shawmut	5.00
Forest Home, Roanoke	5.00
Noon Day, Wedowee	10.00
Lowell, Roanoke	10.00
Hillside, LaGrange, Ga.	10.00
Wadley, Christian	10.00
Total	\$287.90
From Treasury	62.10
Total to Project	\$350.00

(Editor's Note—The Southeast News will be delighted to run the list of fellowships from other areas of the convention which have contributed to this project.)

The Men's Fellowship of the Lanett Congregational Christian Church will pay the cab fare to church services and prayer meetings for those unable to walk or who have no car in the family.

## SUMMER CONFERENCE DATES

Kentucky - Tennessee Junior High — Camp Pomona, June 11-17
Kentucky - Tennessee Senior High — Camp Cumberland, June 25-July 1
Alabama-N. W. Florida Senior High—Southern Union College, July 30-August 5
Alabama-N. W. Florida Junior High—Southern Union College, August 6-12
Georgia - South Carolina Conference—Roosevelt State Park, August 13-19

# People . . .

## Convention CHEF Goal Is Almost Reached By Churches

The churches of the Southeast Convention are within \$444 in Declarations of Intention of accepted goals in the Christian Higher Education Fund Campaign of the \$25,000 goal for the Convention. Has your church done its share? Act now! Let us go over the goal!

Andalusia, Antioch	250.
Andalusia, Coldwater	50.
Andalusia, First	200.
Andalusia, New Home	50.
Birmingham, Pilgrim	1,000.
Brantley, Indian Creek	100.
Brantley, Liberty	75.
East Tallassee	400.
Garden City	20.
Headland, Blackwood	450.
LaFayette, Pleasant Grove	300.
Lanett, Cong'l. Chr.	2,000.
Lanett, Huguley	200.
Langdale, Cong'l. Chr.	1,000.
Lineville, New Harmony	50.
Moulton, Jones Chapel	25.
Phenix City, First	345.
Phenix City, Russell Woods	200.
Roanoke, First	400.
Roanoke, Lowell	300.
Roanoke, New Hope	100.
Shawmut, Todd	60.
Steele, Mt. Lebanon	50.
Wadley, Christian	500.
Wadley, Corinth	50.
Wedowee, Noon Day	300.
Baker, Pyron's Chapel	100.
Bonifay, New Effort	156.
Crestview, Dorcas	100.
Atlanta, Center	50.
Atlanta, Central	3,600.
Barnesville, Fredonia	250.
Braselton, Macedonia	50.
Buford, Duncan's Creek	50.
Demorest, Federated	400.
Douglas, First	100.
LaGrange, United	1,200.
Pearson, Union Hill	300.
Pine Mountain, Oak Grove	225.
Richland, First	25.
Evarts, First	450.
Chattanooga, Pilgrim	3,000.
Crossville, First	450.
Daisy, First	450.
Deer Lodge	150.
Glen Mary	150.
Knoxville, First	3,000.
Nashville, Brookmeade	750.
Pleasant Hill, Community	900.
Robbins, Barton's Chapel	100.
	\$24,556.

# Churches . . .

## New Hope Church Has Interesting History

The congregation which claims to be the oldest Congregational Christian fellowship in Alabama is the New Hope Church, located a few miles southeast of the Abanda community in Chambers County.

A marble marker on the front lawn of the little rural church states that the church was organized on January 19, 1850, by the Rev. Wyche Malone Jenkins Elder — a historic name in the General Convention of Christian Churches of the period.

The present building is the third house of worship in the 111 years. One building simply became too small and one was destroyed by fire.

New Hope Church currently has a membership of 57 and has maintained that size in recent years. At one time, however, the church was one of the strongest in the state for the denomination with over 200 members. It has become a feeder church and there are many Congregational Christians in Roanoke, Wadley, and the Valley who still think of New Hope as "home".

Current officers of the congregation include Jim Halsey as chairman of the Board of Deacons, with Herrod Richards, Max Stevens, Cleve Stevens, and Lois Elder as deacon board members. Richards is also church clerk and Elder is superintendent of the Sunday School.

Mrs. Olin Doss is president of the Women's Fellowship.

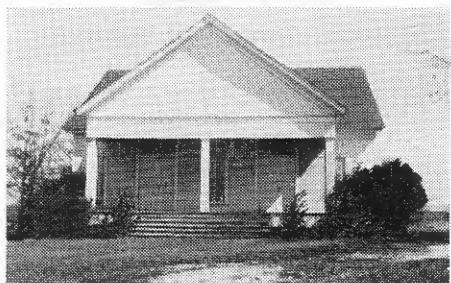
Services at New Hope are now on a part-time basis, although Sunday School is held every Sunday. The pastor, the Rev. Olin E. Sheppard of Roanoke, holds worship services on the second and fourth Sundays each month.

Pastor Sheppard has a special interest in the New Hope fellowship because his father, a pioneer Congregational Christian minister, was pastor of the church when he died. In fact, Pastor Sheppard served the church during the mid-1930's and then was called again in 1955.

Mr. Sheppard is a man of many talents. He has been a state legislator in Georgia and is currently city clerk in Roanoke, a post he has held since 1947. He is also pastor of the First Congregational Christian Church in Roanoke.

A native of Randolph County, and reared in an itinerant pastoral home,

# Events . . .



NEW HOPE CHURCH

Mr. Sheppard was licensed to preach in 1933 and ordained in 1939. He is a graduate of The Southern Union College at Wadley. His stint with Georgia politics came in 1940-1944 when he was the representative from Heard County.

Mrs. Sheppard (nee Pansy Adamson) is also a native of Randolph County. The Sheppards have two children — Emory, a student at Southern Union College, and Linda Ellen, a Handley High School student.

Pastor Sheppard is highly active in the work of the denomination and is currently serving as chairman of the Committee on Churches and Ministry of both the East Alabama Association and the Southeast Convention.

New Hope is a good name for this active congregation. Numbers may be small but the congregation has a history of service which is remarkable in many ways. The church has seen good days and sad days but its name, New Hope, has been a stalwart harbinger of good news to the entire area.

— Doug Wasson

The following notice has been received from Dr. Roy E. Phillips, Moderator of the General Council:

"According to the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws of the General Council, I am requesting 'persons who have resolutions or subjects for resolutions to present' to the coming meeting of the General Council in Philadelphia, June 29-July 3, 1961, to send them to the chairman of the Committee on Resolutions — Rev. Charles L. Copenhagen, 1515 Garfield Street, South Pasadena, California."

The devotions for April 16-30 in "Family Devotions" for our churches across the nation are the work of Mrs. W. Raymond Berry, chairman of the convention Christian Education Committee.

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## Superintendent's Corner

Probably no decision made by a local church in these present days will be of greater importance than that it makes in relation to the proposed constitution for the United Church.

The churches of the convention which have not already done so have until June 1st to vote on this significant document. I would urge both that the churches vote and that they vote favorably.

We need have no fears of this constitution and of the United Church. The constitution is a wise document. It does not take away any of the rights and privileges that properly and historically (within our Congregational Christian fellowship) belong to the local congregation and to the individual minister.

The United Church will strengthen the bonds of fellowship and give opportunity to make our united witness more effective. It will witness to the fact that Christians are not motivated solely by denominational interests.

Let us vote on the constitution. Let us vote favorably.

### Superintendent's Schedule

February 12 — Central Congregational Church, Atlanta, Ga.

February 19 — Douglas, Ga. (?)

February 23 — Social Action Committee, Chattanooga, Tenn.

February 26 — Duncan's Creek, Buford, Ga.

February 28 - March 2 — Southeast Regional Meeting, Talladega College, Talladega, Alabama

March 5 — Antioch, Andalusia, Ala.

## Ruth Elizabeth Johns Takes New Editorial Post

Miss Ruth Elizabeth Johns, New York City, new Publications Secretary and Editor for the Council for Christian Social Action of the United Church of Christ, was formally installed in the post in ceremonies held at Buck Hill Falls, Pa., Sunday, January 29th.

The installation service was held in connection with the opening of the Midwinter Meeting of the Missions Council of the Congregational Christian Churches.

The United Church Council for Christian Social Action continues the work of the social action agencies of the Congregational Christian Churches and the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

Miss Johns will edit the monthly magazine, SOCIAL ACTION, through which the Council keeps church and community leaders informed on social problems and international affairs. She succeeds Mrs. Fern Babcock Grant, who has held the post since 1957.

Miss Johns has been with the Young Women's Christian Association since 1941. She served as Executive Secretary at the University of Minnesota. Student Secretary of the New England Region, and Training Secretary for the YWCA's of Burma and Ceylon. She has been Training Secretary of the Foreign Division of the National YWCA since 1956.

Previously Miss Johns did social welfare work in Wilmington, Delaware, and Baltimore, Maryland. She was an instructor in Sociology at Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio, from 1939 to 1941.

Born in Factoryville, Pennsylvania, Miss Johns received her undergraduate training at Goucher College, Baltimore, and her master's degree in sociology at Mt. Holyoke College. She has also done post-graduate work at Harvard University, the New York School of Social Work, the University of Pennsylvania, Union Theological Seminary, and Yale Divinity School.

Mr. William E. Peterson, president of the National Laymen's Fellowship, was the guest speaker at a Churchmen's Fellowship dinner at Pilgrim Church, Chattanooga, on January 18th.

Rev. Arnold Slater is the new president of the Traveler's Aid Society of Chattanooga, Tenn.

## Churches Continue To Approve Constitution

An overwhelming majority of the Congregational Christian Churches across the nation voting on the proposed constitution for the United Church are giving approval to the document.

The most recent figures available indicate that 1,259 churches have voted "yes" and only 65 have voted "no".

Within the Southeast Convention 23 churches have voted "yes", 2 have voted "no", and 1 has voted to abstain from voting.

The Congregational Christian Churches have until June 1, 1961, to vote on the constitution. The churches are urged to take action in the very near future in order to make certain their votes are recorded in time.

Each of the conferences and associations of the convention has voted general approval of the constitution and called upon its member churches to vote on this historic document.

The following churches of the convention have recorded their votes at the United Church Office, 297 Park Avenue, South, New York 10, N. Y.

Church	Vote
Andalusia, Antioch (Ala.)	Yes
Charleston, Circular (S. C.)	Yes
Crossville (Tenn.)	Yes
Demorest, Federated (Ga.)	Yes
East Tallassee (Ala.)	Yes
Garden City (Ala.)	Yes
Headland, Blackwoods (Ala.)	Yes
LaFayette, Pleasant Grove (Ala.)	Yes
LaGrange, United (Ga.)	Yes
Lanett, First (Ala.)	Yes
Meansville, First (Ga.)	Yes
Nashville, Brookmeade (Tenn.)	Yes
Oxford, Sardis (Ga.)	Yes
Pearson, Union Hill (Ga.)	Yes
Phenix City, Russell Woods (Ala.)	Yes
Pine Mountain, Oak Grove Ga.)	Yes
Richland, First (Ga.)	Yes
Roanoke, Antioch (Ala.)	Yes
Roanoke, Lowell (Ala.)	Yes
Shawmut, Todd (Ala.)	Yes
Steppeville, Mt. Grove (Ala.)	Yes
Wadley, Christian (Ala.)	Yes
West Point, Bethel (Ga.)	Yes
Hampton, County Line (Ga.)	Abstain
Bristol, Antioch (Ga.)	No
Eclectic, Watson's Chapel (Ala.)	No

Plan now to attend the annual meeting of the Southeast Convention, April 22-23, Knoxville, Tenn. It will be a beautiful time of the year to visit the Great Smoky Mountains.

## People...

### Huguley Church Greets Its Sister Churches

We extend New Year's best wishes to our sister churches across the Southeast Convention. May this be a year in which all of our churches grow spiritually.

The Huguley Pilgrim Fellowship has just presented our church with a piano for the Fellowship Hall. These fine young people, under the adult leadership of Mrs. Freda Ferrell and Mrs. Mary Grey, earned the money to pay for the piano, and presented it December 22nd, the night of the Christmas tree and program.

Our pastor, the Rev. Robert Shelton, and family, spent the holidays at Haleyville.

A joint meeting of the lay men and women of the church was held on Sunday, January 8th, at 3:30 p. m. Miss Ellen Hull of the Langdale church spoke and refreshments were served.

We would like to see more news letters from the various churches in The Southeast News. 'Tis good to know what you are doing.

Mrs. Noel Allen, Reporter  
Huguley Church

## HERE AND THERE

The First Congregational Church, Knoxville, Tenn., sponsored the James D. Hoskins lectures, January 16-18. The lectures this year were given by Dr. George A. Buttrick on "Christian Faith and Community."

The lectures are in memory of and a tribute to Dr. James D. Hoskins, formerly president and president emeritus of the University of Tennessee, and long a leader in the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A. Dr. Hoskins was related to the First Congregational Church during its formative days. Rev. A. Ray Meserve is the minister of the church.

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The HIGH FELLOWSHIP SET, which includes 7 booklets, will be available through Pilgrim Press, 14 Beacon St., Boston 8, Mass., at 60c per set, effective March 1st.

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### Rev. and Mrs. Everett W. MacNair

The Rev. and Mrs. Everett W. MacNair of Talladega College, Talladega, Alabama (Mr. MacNair is Dean of Chapel) took the CCSA World Tour

## Churches... Events...

### Watson Chapel Has Year Of Activity

Watson Chapel Congregational Christian Church had a prosperous year under the guidance of its pastor, Rev. G. G. Norris. We participated in several money-making projects, including the sale of black pepper and flavorings to raise money to use for some very badly needed improvements. One of our members donated a yearling calf and we sold chances on it at \$1.00 a chance and netted \$506.00. In addition to the money made from these sales, each family gave a donation.

Some of the improvements were: we covered the floor of the church with asphalt tile and then put carpet down the aisle and across the front. We purchased a new pulpit and two matching chairs.

We purchased a new Sunday School record board. We purchased 50 new song books.

We erected a new 60 foot cement table in back of the church for our singing day dinners.

We took down the old sign in front of the church and erected a new one.

We held our revival during the week of July 4th, with Rev. Norris preaching.

The third Sunday in September we were very privileged to have our superintendent, the Rev. James H. Lightbourne Jr., speak at our annual all-day singing.

In October we had ten members attending the association meeting at Union Congregational Christian Church, near Mt. Creek, Alabama.

December 18th at 11:00 a. m. we presented a Christmas program.

Mrs. Paula E. Castleberry, Clerk  
Watson Chapel Church

last summer.

They took an excellent assortment of pictures and have prepared an informative illustrated talk about the tour. They have their own projection equipment.

Dr. and Mrs. MacNair (she is a former missionary and he formerly was pastor of Plymouth Congregational Church, Milwaukee, Wis.) would be delighted to visit churches and church groups who would like to have the illustrated talk. Dr. MacNair suggests, "We would do it for the joy of it and four cents per mile and bring our own equipment."

### A Meditation

### "Running Away"

By Rev. Clyde C. Flannery

Most of our life involves running away . . . running away from home as children, running away from the responsibilities of adult life, running away from difficult decisions, even running away from ourselves. The fifteenth chapter of the Gospel of Luke records the story of a young man who ran away from home. He wanted his freedom . . . to be free physically and emotionally . . . from the very situation which had given him security in his early life. This is the way of life. We are born to become individuals, not slaves to the past or to other people's ideas. Divorced from the past, however, this young man in Jesus' story discovered that his resources did not last long. "He began to be in want", we are told. It was then that he made the supreme discovery; he "came to himself;" in other words, he accepted himself as he really was, not the fellow he dreamed he was.

Once a person accepts himself, he ceases to run away. Like the Prodigal Son, he can return home. For only when we honestly accept ourselves can we accept the past and accept other, and then move toward emotional maturity. The alcoholic can never find help until he accepts the fact that he is an alcoholic. Much of the unhappiness today — alcoholism, marital infidelity, prejudice, mental illness — is due to the inability of people to accept themselves. We go through life pretending to be something we are not. We hide the person we really are from others and from ourselves and by doing this we waste the inheritance we have received from the past in "loose living." Because we are unable to accept ourselves, we end up by blaming others for our failure and unhappiness — our employer, our parents, husband, wife, our community, the church. It is only when we accept ourselves that we can see these relationships in their true light and use them to build happy and emotionally secure lives.

Mrs. Jettie Logan, Mrs. Harry Barr, Mrs. Walter Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus G. Obrecht, Rev. Clyde C. Flannery, Rev. A. Ray Meserve, and Supt. J. H. Lightbourne Jr. attended the Mid-Winter Meetings at Buck Hill Falls, Pa.

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## E & R Brotherhood Pledges Gift To Southern Union

Southern Union College has been selected as the 1961 project of the Churchmen's Brotherhood, the nationwide men's organization of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, according to an announcement made by Mr. Theodore Schwalm of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, the current National Brotherhood President and also a member of the college Board of Trustees.

The goal of the 1961 project is \$30,000.00, most of which will be received on Men's Sunday, October 15, 1961, when laymen will occupy the pulpits of the denomination on that day and tell, not only the story of their interest in the church and religion, but in the college and this current project.

As a result of a conference in St. Louis, Missouri, between Dr. J. Kenneth Kohler, Executive Secretary of the Churchmen's Brotherhood, and Dr. Walter A. Graham, Southern Union's president, the 1961 project gift has been earmarked to improve the science facilities at this growing junior college. Plans call for a new two-story wing to be added to Elder Hall, the main administration and classroom building, including two new chemistry rooms (one for lectures and one for laboratory) and two new rooms for studies and experiments in biology, botany and zoology. The goal set includes not only the cost of the building but brand new, modern and up-to-date equipment and furnishings.

The adoption of the 1961 project is in recognition of the great need of the college (trying hard not only to survive, but to improve its facilities and gain accreditation) and is also a personal tribute to its president, Dr. Walter A. Graham, formerly national director of the Laymen's Fellowship of the Congregational Christian Churches and well known to the men and constituent churches of the Evangelical and Reformed persuasion.

The selection of Southern Union by the Churchmen's Brotherhood as its 1961 project is the second time that agencies of the component parts of the United Church of Christ have expressed an interest in this college because the National Women's Fellowship of the Congregational Christian Churches

## One Great Hour Of Sharing, March 12th

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING will be observed in Congregational Christian Churches all over the nation on Sunday, March 12th.

The Congregational Christian Service Committee depends upon this offering to provide the largest part of its annual income, which is used for relief and reconstruction measures around the world.

The One Great Hour of Sharing is the principal observance of the annual United Appeal for Relief, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction through which major Protestant and Eastern Orthodox churches in the United States seek funds to carry on both denominational and interdenominational programs of assistance to people in need throughout the overseas world.

More than \$14,818,000 is sought in this 13th annual cooperative effort to sustain world-wide programs in more than 40 countries to help people stricken by disasters, wars, political upheaval or economic disparity.

Funds received should be sent to the Southeast Convention office.

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The magazine of the International Congregational Council, "World Congregationalism", is available at \$1 per annual subscription and may be ordered through the National Women's Fellowship, 19 S. LaSalle St., Chicago 3, Ill.

included \$50,000.00 in its 1960-1962 Woman's Gift budget as the cost of a new library to replace the present one-room library facility.

The improvement and enlargement of the facilities at Southern Union College is a part of a ten-year development program which was launched by the Board of Trustees in 1959. Already two projects have been completed and dedication ceremonies held, an enlargement to Pilgrim Hall, the girls' dormitory, and a complete renovation and enlargement of Kimball Hall, the boys' dormitory. These two projects involved an expenditure of over \$57,500.00, the entire ten-year goal being \$987,000.00, of which \$202,000.00 has already been pledged in the first year and three months of the campaign.

## Rev. Emilie F. Pitcock Accepts Convention Post

The Reverend Miss Emilie F. Pitcock, minister of the Casco-Raymond United Parish, Raymond, Maine, has accepted the call to become the Minister of Christian Education for the Southeast Convention.

Miss Pitcock, who succeeds the Rev. Miss Annie R. Campbell, will begin her new duties on June 1, 1961.

A native of Ohio, Miss Pitcock attended the night school of the University of Cincinnati and then transferred to Schauffler College (now a part of Oberlin University) from which she graduated Magna Cum Laude.

Miss Pitcock then entered the Divinity School of Yale University and graduated with a B. D. in 1951. At the Divinity School she majored in Christian Education.

While a student at the Divinity School Miss Pitcock was employed one summer in the Presumpscot Union Parish. Following her graduation she accepted the call to become Minister of Christian Education in the greater parish.

In the fall of 1955 she became the pastor of the Casco-Raymond United Parish.

Miss Pitcock met with the Board of Directors of the Southeast Convention on January 17th to discuss the position with the members. The reaction to Miss Pitcock was highly favorable and as a result the position was offered to her.

Miss Pitcock was highly recommended to the Board by ministers and officials of our Congregational Christian Churches who have known her and her work.

Following Miss Campbell's resignation a committee composed of Mrs. Edward L. Askren Jr., chairman, Mrs. W. Raymond Berry, Rev. W. Raymond Berry, President Walter A. Graham, Mr. W. J. Strickland, and Supt. James H. Lightbourne Jr., was named to search for a successor.

Mrs. Askren, the chairman of the committee, presented the Rev. Miss Pitcock to the Board.

Miss Pitcock, who is just past forty years of age, brings to the position a wealth of practical experience, solid training, and an engaging and attractive personality.